

WHAT'S *New*

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TWO OF MPDC'S FALLEN HEROES TO BE HONORED DURING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK 2006

Two MPDC officers who died in the line of duty during 2005 will be among the law enforcement heroes who will be honored during National Police Week 2006 in Washington, DC. This past week, the names of Officer James McBride, who died last August during a bicycle training exercise, and Reserve Officer Joseph Pozell, who was struck and killed by a vehicle last May as he was directing traffic in Georgetown, were engraved on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Northwest. Officers McBride and Pozell are among 466 fallen officers from the past year whose names will be read during the 18th Annual Candlelight Vigil, on Saturday evening, May 13, at the Memorial in Judiciary Square. The Candlelight Vigil is one of the signature events of National Police Week, a time in which tens of thousands of law enforcement officers and supporters from around the country converge on DC to honor those who were killed in the line of duty. The event dates to 1962, when President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation designating May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as "National Police Week." In addition to the Candlelight Vigil, Police Week 2006 (which officially runs from May 14-20) features the 25th Annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Day service, on Monday, May 15, on the west front of the US Capitol. Other events include bicycle and motorcycle rides, wreath-laying ceremonies, the annual Blue Mass (May 9 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 10th and G Streets, NW), seminars by Concerns of Police Survivors, a Pipeband March and Service, and an Honor Guard competition. For more on National Police Week, including a schedule of events, visit <http://www.nleomf.com>.

VIOLENT CRIME DECLINES IN APRIL, BUT STOLEN AUTOS RISE SHARPLY

Homicides and serious assaults declined sharply last month in DC, contributing to an overall 5 percent reduction in violent crime during April. But property offenses, driven by a 29 percent rise in stolen autos, rose by 4 percent overall last month, which pushed the total crime rate in the District up by 2 percent, according to preliminary statistics from the MPDC. There were eight homicides reported in DC during the month of April, compared with 15 in April 2005, a reduction of 47 percent. Through the first four months of the year, homicides in DC had declined 18 percent, from 57 in 2005 to 47 this year. Similarly, assaults with a deadly weapon are down 11 percent for the year – 22 percent in April alone, the preliminary figures show. Certain property crimes – including thefts (-7%) and thefts from auto (-3%) – also declined during April. However, stolen autos rose sharply last month, from 470 in April 2005 to 608 in April 2006, an increase of more than 29 percent. Every district except 6D recorded more stolen autos last month than in April 2005. The increases were particularly acute in the Third (+85%) and First (+76%) districts. Preliminary data show that violent crime declined last month in five of the seven police districts, but that property crime rose in four districts. So far this year, violent crime is down 2 percent in DC, property crime is up 5 percent and overall crime is up by about 3 percent citywide.

① Locally, the Fraternal Order of Police Auxiliary, DC Lodge #1 sponsors the 27th Annual Memorial Service for law enforcement officers from the Washington region killed in the line of duty. The ceremony begins at 11 am on May 16, at the memorial fountain outside MPDC Headquarters. For information, call the MPDC's Community Outreach Section at (202) 727-0783.

① The MPDC maintains an online memorial to officers killed in the line of duty. Family members, friends and other loved ones are invited to submit remembrances, which are posted on the site: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1233,q,539213,mpdcNav,j,31457,j.asp>

① Concerns of Police Survivors holds its annual Police Week Seminar Series, with special sessions on May 14 hosted by the MPDC's Gay and Lesbian Liaison Unit on issues surrounding line-of-duty deaths when the officer and/or survivors are members of the GLBT community. For details, contact the GLLU at (202) 727-5427 or via e-mail at gayliaisondc@hotmail.com.

① View preliminary crime statistics for each of the seven districts and DC as a whole by going to: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1239,q,543329.asp>

① Learn how you can help prevent your vehicle from being stolen by going to: http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1240,q,547830,mpdcNav_GID,1552,mpdcNav,j.asp

4D OFFICERS COMMENDED FOR HELPING TO SAVE THE LIFE OF A 7-YEAR-OLD GIRL

Chief Ramsey this past week commended members of the MPDC's Fourth District for their quick actions in helping to save the life of a child. At approximately 6:15 pm, on Wednesday, May 3, a citizen carried a 7-year-old girl into the Fourth District police station, located at 6001 Georgia Avenue, NW. The citizen advised station members that the child was having difficulty breathing. Officer Aaron Harper, 30, a six-year veteran of the MPDC, immediately radioed the Office of Unified Communications and requested the assistance of DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services personnel. Before emergency medical help could arrive, the child reportedly stopped breathing altogether. A station officer and a Reserve Officer, with instructional assistance from a desk sergeant, administered CPR to revive the child. The child was taken by ambulance to Children's National Medical Center and admitted for observation. She was released on Thursday, May 4. In addition to Officer Harper, Chief Ramsey personally commended three other 4D members for their quick and dedicated actions: Reserve Officer Antonio Reid, 31, a six-year veteran; Officer Alwyn Dowe, 39, a 16-year veteran; and Desk Sergeant Angela Sanders, 43, a 16-year veteran. "I am extremely proud of all of these officers," the Chief said. "Their actions illustrate the devotion to duty and dedication to protecting life that are central to the mission of all MPDC members."

MORE CIVILIAN JOB VACANCIES ANNOUNCED BY MPDC

The MPDC is currently accepting applications for three full-time civilian positions within the agency, including Director of Labor and Employee Relations (MS-301-16). This position, part of the Management Supervisory Services, serves as the primary support for the Department's chief negotiator in the collective bargaining process. The director also acts as the designee of the Chief of Police in all labor and employee relations functions. The incumbent reviews grievances of sworn and civilian employees and makes recommendations to the Chief on their resolution. The director also advises management officials on sensitive and complex matters relative to employee-management relations, legal and regulatory aspects of personnel, employment and labor laws, trends in labor relations and potential problems associated with workplace and employment issues. The two other civilian career opportunities are for a Supervisory Research Analyst (MS-1515-13) and a Uniform Crime Reporting Coordinator (DS-0301-12); both of these positions are in the Office of Organizational Development, Research and Resource Development Division. In addition to these full-time opportunities, the MPDC continues to seek candidates for part-time Crossing Guard positions. The closing dates for the new positions vary, but all are in early to mid-May. Salaries, tours of duty and other elements of the jobs also vary. The MPDC employs several hundred civilian members, working in various administrative, technical, operational and management positions.

NEWS & NOTES

GLLU Award. For the second year in a row, the MPDC's Gay and Lesbian Liaison Unit (GLLU) has been named one of 18 finalists for the prestigious Innovations in American Government Award. Seven winners, each of which will receive \$100,000, will be announced on July 10 at a dinner ceremony in DC, during the 2006 Excellence in Government Conference. Details at http://www.ashinstitute.harvard.edu/Ash/pr_2006_Finalists.htm.

Special Meeting for Survivors of Homicide Victims. The MPDC's Violent Crimes Branch invites immediate family members of homicide victims whose deaths occurred from 2004-2006 to attend a special one-on-one meeting with the detectives working on their loved one's case. Meetings will be held Wednesday, May 18, from 3-8 pm, at the Maurice T. Turner Jr., Institute of Police Science, 4665 Blue Plains Drive, SW. For information or to schedule an appointment, call the MPDC's Family Liaison Specialist Unit at (202) 645-6363 or 645-5537.

Information, ideas, or comments about this service? Send an e-mail to **KEVIN MORISON**, MPDC's Director of Corporate Communications, at kevin.morison@dc.gov. Would you like to have this information e-mailed to you? Just go to our Website and register with **Crimereports.com**.

- ① Details on the current vacancies, including the minimum requirements and application procedures, can be found online at:

<http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1230,q,538142.asp>

- ① The MPDC is also looking for volunteers to join the MPDC's Reserve Corps, which gives qualified individuals with the opportunity to assist the MPDC in carrying out its policing responsibilities. Details at:

<http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1242,q,547109.asp>

DATA BOX

Homicides	as of 5/5/06
◆ 2006: 49	
◆ 2005: 59	
◆ % Change: -16.9%	
◆ Closure Rate: 53.1% (26 closures)	
Adult Arrests	week end. 04/29/06
◆ Total: 1,012	
◆ Weapons: 29	
◆ Robbery: 6	
◆ Auto Theft: 12	
◆ Prostitution/Sex Offenses: 38	
◆ Narcotics: 207	
Juvenile Activity	week end. 04/29/06
◆ Arrests: 90	
◆ Curfew Violations: 48	
◆ Truants: 73	
Firearm Recoveries	as of 5/3/06
◆ May: 16	
◆ April: 159	
◆ 2006 Total: 832	
Traffic Fatalities	as of 5/5/06
◆ 2006: 18	
◆ 2005: 16	
◆ % Change: +12.5%	

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